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SUBJ: REVIEW AND VERIFICATION OF MISSION STAFFING

REF: STATE AIRGRAMM A-2527

1. AS REQUESTED IN REF AIRGRAM I HAVE REVIEWED THE MISSION STAFFING AS OF 30 JUNE 1976. I FIND THAT IN ALL CATEGORIES THE U.S. MISSION PRESENCE IN YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC CONFORMS, BOTH IN SPIRIT AND NUMBERS, TO THE GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN 75 STATE A-4171.
 2. THE GROWING SUCCESS OF THE US EFFORT TO HELP IN THE RE-ORIENTATION OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC FROM ITS TRADITIONAL TIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND RADICAL ARAB STATES TO TIES WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND THE WEST HAS MEANT THAT THE MISSION HAS GROWN FROM A TINY INTEREST SECTION IN 1972 TO A MIDDLE-SIZE EMBASSY TODAY. HIS SLOW GROWTH SHOULD CONTINUE FOR A WHILE LONGER IN RESPONSE TO A NUMBER OF NEW PROGRAMS WHICH HAVE BEGUN.
 3. FIRST, THE MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WHICH WAS FORMALIZED LAST MONTH, AND INVOLVES SALES OF ABOUT \$139 MILLION AS WELL AS TRAINING, SHOULD REQUIRE ANOTHER OFFICER AND PERHAPS ANOTHER ENLISTED MAN.
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NTINUING INCREASES IN AID, WHICH ARE

PROJECTED TO RISE TO ABOUT THIRTY-FIVE PERSONS NEXT YEAR, PLUS THE GROWING NUMBERS OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS -- PERHAPS FORTY-FIVE BY NEXT YEAR -- AND THE ADDITION OF A MARINE SECURITY GUARD IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS -- WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE A SECOND COMMUNICATOR. THE SAME INCREASES IN PERSONNEL, PLUS A BUDGET WHICH HAS TOPPED \$1 MILLION, MAY ALSO REQUIRE A FULL-TIME BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICER IN THE COMING YEAR.

5. ALL THE ABOVE INCREASES HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE, BUT AS YET ARE NOT FULLY APPROVED.

6. RE EXISTING POSITIONS, THE JUSTIFICATION IS WEAKENING FOR THE COMMERCIAL OFFICER'S POSITION IN TAIZ, FOUR HOURS TO THE SOUTH OF THE CAPITAL, SANA, WHERE THE EMBASSY IS LOCATED. I INTEND TO REVIEW THIS POSITION FULLY IN THE COMING YEAR.

7. I WANT TO CLOSE BY SAYING THAT THIS MISSION BELIEVES IT HAS FULLY JUSTIFIED A REQUEST FOR A DOCTOR. HEALTH CONDITIONS AND FACILITIES FOR TREATMENT IN SANA RANK WITH THE WORST IN THE WORLD. AIR CONNECTIONS FOR EVACUATION, WHILE IMPROVED, AND UNDEPENDABLE AND EVACUATION POINTS ARE RELATIVELY REMOTE.

8. THE STATISTICAL TABLE ON USG CIVILIAN AGENCY PERSONNEL HAS BEEN UP-DATED AND WILL BE FORWARDED BY POUCH. SCOTES

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